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SUBJECT: UNEP: US CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND

REF: (A) STATE 135154; (B) OM OF 8/3/76 (RPT INFO NAIROBI);
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1. THE DEPT HAS (REF (B)) TRANSMITTED THROUGH USUN A
LETTER OF CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLS 7,500,000 AS THE
UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND FOR
CY 1976.

2. THE PERMREP SHOULD CONFIRM THE FOREGOING TRANSACTION
TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BY LETTER, TEXT IN FOLLOWING
PARAGRAPH, RESPONDING TO THE EXDIR'S LETTER OF MAY 7, 1976,
WHICH WAS ACKNOWLEDGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A).

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2. QUOTE. I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO RESPOND TO YOUR LETTER OF MAY 7, 1976, CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND. MY GOVERNMENT HAS NOW DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR DOLS 7,500,000 WHICH CONSTITUTES THE CONTRIBUTION OF MY GOVERNMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND FOR CALENDAR YEAR L976.

THIS CONTRIBUTION, WHICH IS THE LARGER OF THE TWO SUMS

IDENTIFIED IN OUR PREVIOUS COMMUNICATION ON OUR ANTICIPATED PAYMENTS IN 1976, IS CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF THE HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. IT REPRESENTS A RESPONSE TO YOUR ASSURANCES THAT THE UNEP HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ITS FORMATIVE PERIOD AND IS NOW, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES, IN A POSITION TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF STOCKHOLM.

AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY INFORMED YOU, WE EXPECT TO CONTRIBUTE DOLS 5 MILLION TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND IN 1977. THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED THIS AMOUNT IN HIS BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES FISCAL YEAR 1977. THE APPROPRIATIONS LEGISLATION TO WHICH THIS REQUEST IS PERTINENT IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE CONGRESS. WE WILL ADVISE YOU AS SOON AS THE UNITED STATES APPROPRIATIONS PROCEDURES ARE COMPLETED AND A FINAL DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE ON OUR

CONTRIBUTION FOR 1977 IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY TAKE THAT INFORMATION INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON THE FUTURE LEVEL OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM.

WITH REGARD TO UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND IN 1978 AND BEYOND, I CAN INFORM YOU THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF FORMULATING THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS IN JANUARY 1977. I AM NOT IN A POSITION TO FORECAST THE AMOUNT WHICH THE PRESIDENT WILL EVENTUALLY RECOMMEND FOR OUR 1978 CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ASSURE YOU, HOWEVER, THAT YOUR REQUEST THAT

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FULL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE TERMS OF THE UNITED STATES INITIAL PLEDGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND HAS BEEN CAREFULLY NOTED.

FINALLY, MY GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED AT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS ON THE APPROPRIATE FUTURE LEVEL OF THE ENVIRONMENT FUND AND TO DECLARE ITS INTENTIONS, SUBJECT TO U.S. APPROPRIATIONS

PROCEDURE, ON THE LEVEL OF FUTURE U.S. SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FUND. END QUOTE.

4. AT HIS DISCRETION, THE PERMREP MAY INFORMALLY CONVEY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE CURRENT STATUS OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED UNEP CONTRIBUTION IN 1977. THE FULL HOUSE HAS NOW VOTED OUT DOLS 5 MILLION FOR UNEP, AS REQUESTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED A CONTRIBUTION OF DOLS 10 MILLION IN 1977, BUT THE FULL SENATE HAS NOT YET ACTED ON THIS RECOMMENDATION. WHATEVER DIFFERENCES APPEAR IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE VERSIONS MUST, OF COURSE, BE SUBSEQUENTLY RECONCILED IN CONFERENCE.

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